

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-33 were originally presented.

Claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 13-15, 18-21, 26, 27-29, and 32 are currently amended.

Claims 5, 6, 9, 16, 23-24, and 30-31 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 34-40 are added.

Claim 32 is objected to as referring to claim "026".

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-15, 17-22, 25-29, and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,725,022 to Clayton et al. (hereinafter "Clayton") in view of Applicant's own admission as to prior art in the present specification (hereinafter "AAPA").

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-15, 17-22, 25-29, 32-33, and 34-40 are pending in the application.

Claim Objections

Claim 32 has been amended to delete the "0" preceding "26". Thus the dependency of claim 32 from claim 26 is correctly stated, and the Office's objection is ameliorated.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephonic conversation on January 30, 2006, which was summarized in an Interview Summary composed by the Examiner and received via fax by the Applicant on January 30, 2006. Claims 1, 13, 19, and 26 have been amended to include elements which the Examiner

1 indicated may render claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-15, 17-22, 25-29, 32-33, and 34-40 novel
2 and nonobvious over the previously cited prior art. The subject matter included in
3 the amendments is fully supported in the specification (please see, for example,
4 page 6, line 10 - page 16, line 24) and places claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-15, 17-22, 25-29,
5 32-33, and 34-40 in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests
6 reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues
7 remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact
8 the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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10 Respectfully Submitted,

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